THE LAST

WILL and TESTAMENT

OF

The late Renowned Cardinal

MAZARINI

Decealed February. 27 1660.

Together with some Historical

REMARQUES

OF HIS

LIFE.

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AR BREST BEST

TO THE

Right Honorable;

THOMAS

Wentworth

One of his Majesties most Honorable Privy Council

May it please your Lordship,

I humbly crave your leave, to inscribe your noble name to this Translation of the Late Cardinal

The Fpiftle Dedicatory.

Cardinal Mazarini's Will and Testament with some Remarques of his life; from Just though

different respects.

The first is yout Lordships knowledge and particular acquaintance with that great and eminent personage, while you follow'd our Soverains Fortune in that Court in the same quality of his privy Counsellous, which afforded your Lordship in your prudent and serious converse with him an experience of his abilities; improved to great advantage in your many Loyal and Noble services to this Crown.

To do the Cardinal so much right therefore, I have presumed

The Epistle Dedicatory.

ed to put this last MEM OF RIAL, of him into you Honorable hands, as the fittest and equallest Repository of his Illustrious Name, which shall now pass without profanation to the world, when sacrated by YOURS.

The other respect is to signifie and declare to the world the due sentiments the Nation hath of your Lordships Conspicuous worth, together with the particular acknowledgements and obligations which I am bound to render for some Favours abroad, which your Lordships singular Noblenesse was pleased to vouchsafe me.

And consulting herein also to

The Epistle Dedicatory.

my self this further favour from your Goodness, as to shelter my meanness under your Lordships patronage, which is sufficient to vindicate the Cardinal, and to protest,

My Lord

Your most obedient and

Devoted Servant,

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Advertisement to the Reader.

He French Original of this Last Will of the Cardinal, being Printed at Colen, in Germany, was so full of faults, litterall and others, that the sence in some few places could hardly be made out, which will make it in some such places seem imperfect, but the careful Reader will Soon Supply Such Seeming deficiency as I have not adventured on in the translation: therein be is likewise desired tounderAdvertisement

stand by the word Substitution

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The Last will and
TESTAMENT
OF CARDINAL

MAZARINE:

March one thousand six hundred and sixty one, about nine of the Clock in the morning; at the comandment of the most Illustrious and most Eminent my Lord Cardinal Julius Mazarine Duke of Nivernois and Ouziois being at present at the Castle of Vincennes; the Notaries, Inventory

keepers of our Soveraign Lord the King at Paris here underfigned, transferred themselves to the faid Castle, to the appartiment of his Emmences where they found the faid Lord Cardinal Duke a bed, fick in body, but found in mind, memory, and understanding (as it appeared to them, who faid, declared, and acknowledged, that all his goods, moveable, & immoveable, of what nature or quality foever they were, or where ever they were scituated or remaining, and in whatfoever they confilted, without exception or referve, did come and proceed from the Liberality and Magnificence of his Majesty & For which reason he believed he could not do better then

then by remitting (as he doth by these presents rebuit and return.) into his Majesties hands, all his faid goods, moveable and immoveable, and all other generally whatfoever, of what ever nature or quality they may be, & where ever being or remaining, and in whatever they may confile, without auy exception or reserve the which present Declaration and delivery his Eminence doth make in favour of his Majesty by Donation and Giftipf death, Testamentary disposition, or any other way in the best form and manner it can or ought to be made, willing that his Mar ricity bound do remain leized of all the faid goods, from the day of the decease of his Eminence, who hopeth B 2

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hopeth that his Majetty will have the goodness and bounty to difpose of the said Goods according to the intentions and defignations of his Eminence, which his Majesty was pleased to receive from his Mouth; Leaving to his Majestie nevertheless full and frank liberty of the faid disposition, as it shall seem good to him, as the Lord and Master of all the said Goods, which to that very purpose he hath given and bequeathed by these presents to his Majesty. This was done and faid by his Eminence to the abovefaid Notaries, and by one of themy the other being present read and read again to him in the chamber of his Eminence afpecting the Tower of the dungeon the

the day and year abovefaid and figured by the faid Lord the very minute of these Presents.

The Same day the date of these presents, at the Commandment of the most Illustrious and most Eminent my Lord Cardinal Julius Mazarini Duke of Nivernois, &c. The Notaries Inventory Keepers for his Majesty, &c. being arrived at his Eminences chamber in the Castle of Vincenmes, found the faid Lord Cardinal Duke, a bed fick, in body, &c. as before, who faid unto them, that the length and tedioulness of his sickness, the uncertainty of life, and the necessity of death had obliged him to think of making and ordaining his last Will and Testament, which B 3

as hereafter followeth.

First of all, He thanks the Author of all good things, that he gave him his Birth in the Profesfion of the Catholick Religion which he acknowledgeth to be the fole, true, and only way of falvation.

He thanketh the same Divine goodness, for all those Favours which it hath been pleafed to beflow upon him during the whole course of his life, and particularly for raising him to one of the most Eminent Dignities of the Church among an infinite number of many others of greater merit, befer ching the Divine Goodness; that the faid Elevation turn not to

his confusion, for not having profitably enough employed those, Talents which It hath been pleafed to give him; for which he craves purdon from the bottom of his heart of the Divine Majetty, to whom he acknowledg-4th hunfelf guilty, but hopeth for forgiven is by the merit of the precious blood of Jesus Christ shed for our Redemption. After his thankfgiving to God as the Author and Beginning of all good things, he judgeth, it will be no derogation to his Glo ry to testifie also (with disproportion nevertheless of the Creatures to the Cfeatour) those acknowledgements he owes to his good Masters whom God hath given Lim.

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And first to the King deceased of glorious memory, who after his having called him to his fervice, and employed his instances and nomination to the promoring him to the dignity of a Cardinal conferred on him the inestimable Honor of making him Godfather to the King now raigning, and in fine to judge him worthy of the Administration of hismost important afairs, &tofulstitute him in the place (vacated by death) of one of the greatest, most glorious, and most sufficient able Ministers of State, [Cardinal Richlein that ever France had.

To the Queen Mother, whose goodness was pleased to continue him in the same Administration during her Regency, of

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which with truth he can fay, that the incredible firmnesse and constancy of her mind, hath saved the State from one of the greatelt dangers it ever underwent.

To the King, who having approved the choice made of his person by the King his Father deceased and by the Queen his Mother, hath pleased to continue to him the same Honour, and to make him partaker of those blesfings which Heaven hath abundantly powred down upon his Sacred person, by those glorious and advantagious successes, which it hath given to his endeavours fince his Majesties advancement to the Crown; by that calm and repose which it hath Established within his Kindoms, soon after his Majority.

As also by the glorious peace which his Majesty hath since afforded to the Christian world no less by the respect, renown and glory of his Name, then by his Mediation which all the Princes and Potentates engaged in War have befought and held it eftimation and Reverence: fo that it may be truly faid that fince a roco years, Christianity hath not joyed of fuch a tranquillity as this at present, by the endeavours and Authority of the King.

And as in all these great successes it hath pleased God to make use of such a feeble and weak Minister of his will and pleasure and the orders of the King; by so much the more he ought to abase himself before the face of

the Divine Majelty, and to acknowledge his real unworthiness and how little he was capable of himself to lerve as an Instrument to fuch great things without His particular assistance. The Principall fatisfaction which his Eminence hoped for after the conclufion of those great works, and the return of their Majesties to Paris, was in a diligent application of all his care and pains to effect incessantly the Execution of his Majesties good intentions of re-establishing Order in the general Administration throughout the Kingdom, where many abuses were encreased and raigned by the length of the War, the which, Prudence was obliged to Telerate or was not suffered to repress for

for fear of some troublesome intestine Commotion, while there was a necessity of sustaining the forrain Holtile Impressions and effects of a Power most considerable. But God not being pleased after so many other, to grant him this last satisfaction which he had purposed to himself; and having visited him with a long and troublesome disease which took away from Him all means of applying himself as was requisite to an Affayr of that Importance for the Weal of the State, and the Profit of the Kings Subjects: He comforts himself in the thoughts and certain Hopes he cherisheth, that His Majesty having taken fuch a Resolution, by his weak Counfels; will maintain it, by:

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together Royal.

His Eminence finds himfelf further obliged to fay, that nothing hath given him more difpleasure in the Course of his Disease, them his disability of endeavouring a confiderable alleviation and mitigation of those over-preffures and furcharges which the People have suffered: who having testified their zeal and their obedience by those great succours and supplies which they have given the King on all occasions during a VVar of 25 years: He no way doubteth but that his Majesty will take a particular care of performing those good intentions of which he hath discoursed with him, by the motive

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rures of that tenderness which he hath for his people, and to excite them also to be equally and inutually ready to supply him in all

prefling occasions

For Conclusion, Their Majesties having recompensed his mean forvices which he hath endeavoured to performe to them, by a Magnificence worthy of their mind, and Royal greatness; He finds himself obliged to give restimony thereof to the Publick, and that the world may know, that if he hath served them with all Fidelity, they have recompenfed his services, not only beyond his hopes and defires, but also beyond all he could imagine: to the end that this great example; of their Liberality in his person may

may excite all their good Subjects to ferve them with the same zeal and the same, Fidelity which he hath endeavoured to do.

The faid Lord Cardinal hath appointed his Sepulture, in the Chappel of the Colledge which he hath founded; and in the mean while he prayeth his Majesty that His Corps may be deposited in the St. Chappel of Vincennes.

The faid Lord Cardinal confirmeth; and when it is or shall be needfull reiterates and doubles that gift made to the Religious the Theatines of St. Anne Royal.

He confirmeth also the Donation made to the Colledge of the four Nations and Academy

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The said Lord Cardinal giveth to the Hospital General the sum of sixty thousand livres [6000 ks ster.] besides the hundred thousand Livres which he gave to it before. He gives likewise and bequeaths unto the Hostel de Dieu, at Paristhirty thousand Livres.

The said Lord Cardinal Duke, giveth and bequeaths to the Hospital of the Incurable the sum of twelve thousand liures for the founding of two beds according to the Reiglement or rules of the said Hospital, the nomination whereof shall belong to his successors and descendants of the name of Mazarini.

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The faid Lord Cardinal Duke giveth fix years Alms, which he was used to give every year to several Convents of the City of Paris; He giveth likewise to the poor and beggars of the said City the sum of six thousand Livres.

The said Lord Cardinal Duke, giveth the sum of six hundred thousand Livres which is in the Hands of the Sieur du Pont St. Pierre at Lyons to be imployed in making War against the Turks according to the Orders of his Majesty.

The said Lord Cardinal Duke giveth to the Sieur de Fontenello his first Esquire the sum of twenty thousand livres. To the Sieur Bernouin the first Groom of his

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Chamber the fum of fifteen thoufand liures; To the fieur Pronty, his House-keeper the like sum. The said Lord-Cardinal Duke, giveth to all the rett of his Domesticks, that which shall be allowed them by a certain memo-

rial which he will cause to be

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The said Lord Cardinal Duke, giveth to Monsieur Cardinal Antonio all those sums which he owesth to him the said Cardinal Duke and which hath been lent him either by obligation, on his promise or otherwise, which he wills to be rendred back, discharging the seur Macarine of all those sums which he may have given to the said Cardinal.

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My Lord Cardinal having accomplished a Design of matching 18 of the largest Diamonds which could be found, giveth them to the Crown, desiring his Majesty to accept of them, and that they bear the name of Mazarines.

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Giveth and bequeatheth also to the Crown all those pieces of Paintings which are at present within the the Library of his Eminence, and two suits of Tapestry, the one the Fruits of War the defign of Julius Romain given to his Eminence since the Treaty of Peace, by the King of Spain, the other the Rapa of the Sabrues the design of Raphael: Most humbly thanking his Majesty for all his Bounties and Magnisicences, and

for that not long since he hath caused to be given him sisteen hundred thousand liures upon the Treaty of the Neutrality of the French County, and the disposal of the Offices of the houses of the Queen and Monsieur, which reward amounts in all to three or four millions.

The faid Lord Cardinal Duke having alwayes regarded Madam Martiness whose Offices of Piety & charity are eminently known, hath incessantly procured the advancement of her Daughters by advantagious Alliances, having married the eldest with Monsieur the Duke of Modena one of the greatest Princes, and of the most Antient and Illustrious Houses of all Italy, and the second with Mon-

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Monsieur the Prince of Conti. Prince of the Blood Royal of France; and therefore no way doubting but that they will prefer his Interests before their Advancement; He giveth to Madam the Dutches of Modena the fum of three hundred and fifty thousand liures, which shall be paid unto her by the Executors of his Testament hereafter named. More, three pence making part of eleven pence to receive of the falts of Brouage: more, half of the Rents upon the City of Paris, purchased by his Eminence of Monsieur Charles Armand at present Duke Ma-Zarini.

He giveth and bequeaths to Madam the Princes of Conti the like 22

like furning af three hundred and fury thousand livres, which shall be paid her by his Executors; more, the fum of thirty thousand liures to receive and take upon the Excile or Farn'ts of Langues dock; more, three pence making part of eleven pence to receive and take upon the faid Salts of Brounge; moreythe other moity of Rents upon the Town Hall of the City of Paris; more, the Compensation of the Rents of the Coffice of furnitendant lot the Housed the Queen Mother, amounting to two hundred thoufand liures, which his En inence buth purchased of madamathe Princess Palatine, & of which the is at present in possession; more, the fuit of Tapestry Hangings with

Cardinal Mazarine. with the flory of Heboboum. He gives to the Lady Martiwell Sifter to his Emmence the fum of eighteen thousand liures of a rent for life phyable at Rome inchethly by ld Ville; all upon charge to her and the faid Ladies the Dutches of Modera and Princels of conti, to tenounce, and quit claim to the fuccession of his Eminence, and to all and fuch rights which they may pretend to the same: In default whereof they shall ferfeir their Legacies abovefaid which thalf return to the Heires and Legatees General.

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The faid Lord Cardinal, intends not that Monficur the Marquels of Mancini his Nephew shall marry with any person what soever 24 The Testament of

foever without the confent of the King; and in confideration thereof gives him the Peerage of Nivernois (or Nevers) and Onziois, with the appurtenances and dependances purchased by his Eminence of Monseigneur the Duke of Mantua by contract of the 11th of July 1659. with the Decrees obtained fince free and quit of all Rights: More, two thirds of the Sublidies ariling from the Actions of Mertaine, which may be changed for those of Nevers: More, four pence, part of the nineteen pence purchased of my Lord the Duke of Ornanes deseased: More, three pence part of eleven pence upon the Salts of Bronage: More, the sum of six hundred thousand liures in ready money

Cardinal Mazarine.

money, which shall be paid by the hands of the Executors of his Will hereafter named. All upon charge that the faid Lord Mancini shall punctually comply with what is before chjoyned him towards his Majefty, and not otherwise; in default whereof he shall forfeit his Legacies abovesaid; and others that shall be made to him hereafter, shall be comprized in the Legacy General. And further upon charge, that the faid Lord Mancini and all his Defcendants Males or Femals, shall carry the Names and the Arms of Mazarini without joyning other names, or quartering other Arms therewith: And thatthe Eldest

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Eldest Son and Male Descendants of the faid Marquess Mancini, by perpetual and infinite representation from Male to Male, and from Eldest to Eldest, shall have and take by gradual and perpetual Substitution, all these things and sums above mentioned, given to him the faid Marquess Mancini; and in default of Issue male of his body, the Substitution shall belong to the eldest Daughter descendent of the male and to the male defcendents for ever, observing alwayes the right of Eldest to eldest, upon condition that in every degree the eldest male, and every daughter that shall be called to the Substitution, shall

Cardinal Mazarine shall be tyed to take the Name and Arms of Mazarini as abovefaid: And in default of descendants from the males, the Substitution shall belong to the eldest Daughter of the said Marquess Mancini, and to her descendants Males and Females; and in default of Children of the eldest Daughter or her Descendants, to the second third or other Daughters faccestively and their Descendents, preferring alwayes the elder before the younger, and Sonnes to Daughters, as long as there shall be any Descendants of the faid Daughters, on the same conditions of taking the Arms

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cimi joyntly together. In case of default of Islue by the said Lord Marquess Mancini, all the abovefaid things and fummes above given and bequeathed him, shall belong by the same right of Substitution to the high and mighty Lord Armand Charles now Duke Mazarini, and after him in his place to the eldest of his Sons islued from him, and the high and mighty Lady Hortense Mancini Wife.

No person shall have benefit of this Substitution, who shall be an Ecclesiastick or Knight of Malta, unless he shall have renounced it before: the said Lord Cardinal willing and declaring, claring, that he who shall refuse to accept of the said Conditions, shall be deprived of all right thereunto, and that all shall return to the Legatee General.

The Lord Cardinal beseecheth his Majesty to receive the said Lord Marquess Mancini in survivency to the Government and Lieutenancy of the King in Bronage and Rochel, the profits whereof shall remain in the hands of the Sieur Colbert.

The faid Lord Cardinal giveth unto Monsieur Mancini his Nephew the sum of 30 thousand liures to be imployed for payment of his debts; the faid Lord Cardinal willeth and in-

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deth that the administration of the goods of the said Lord Marquels Mancini remain in the hands of the Sieur Colbert, untill he shall have attained the

age of majority.

The faid Lords Executors may name a person to be Tutor to the faid Marquels Mancini under direction of the Sieur colbert, who shall be obliged to give Caution and Security: and whilest the said Marquess Mancini shall attain to the age of major, there shall be paid unto him the fum of thirty fix thousand liures for every year, and if he marry with confent of the King, the fum of eighty thousand liures.

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The faid Lord Cardinal defiring to perpetuate the name of Mancini at Rome, makes and ordains the faid Lord Mancini his Nephew, Legatee Universal, and Heir of all his Goods at Rome, willing that he be seized thereof from the day of his Decease, which goods shall remain substituted to the second Son of the faid Sieur Mancini, and to the Children of the second, and of his male iffue by a perpetual and infinite representation from male to male, and from eldest to eldest, and in default of male Issue of the second Son, to the third, and from the third to the fourth, and consequently fo from male to male, &from eldest C4

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eldest to eldest. And in default of Islue male, the substitution shall belong to the eldest Daughter Descended of the male of the faid fecond third or fourth Son, and confequently to their fine male for ever. And in default of Daughters Descendants of the males, the faid Substitution shall pass to the eldest Daughter of the faid Lord Marquels Mancini and to her Descendants. preferring alwayes the eldelito the youngest, and the Sons to the Daughters, as long as there shall be any Descendants of the faid Daughters. All upon condition that he who shall be called to the Substitution, of what-

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whatever condition of degree he be, shall be obliged to dwell in the City of Rome, and to bear the fole Name & plain Arms of Mancini, without partying or quartering them with any others, and upon condition also, that if there be any Daughters of the males which are excluded by the males in a direct or collateral Line, the faid Substituted shall be holden to give them Portions sutable to their quality.

In default of Posterity of the second third or other son and of the daughters of the said Lord Marques Mancini, the Palace, moveables, Rights and other effects which are in the said City

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of Rome belonging to his Eminence, shall appertain by the Tame right of Substitution unto the eldest son of the said Lord Mazarini Mancini and to the male The of the faid eldeft son, and in default of the males to the daughters and to their male children from eldest to eldest, as long as there shall be any male or female iffue of the faid Mazarini Mancini or of his descendants, on condition that the right of Primogeniture be always observed as abovesaid. And if there shall be but one of the said House of Mancini, to whom the Dutchy of Nivernois shall appertain by the same right of Substitution, and that the goods at Rome

Rome shall belong to him likewife by the same right of Substitution; He shall be obliged to dwell in France. And if it shall to happen that the faid Lord Marquels Mancini decease without iffue, the faid goods at Rome shall re main and belong to my Lord Armand Charles Duke Mazarini and his youngest defcendants from male to male, and eldest to eldest: Observing always that Mazarini is Præferrible before Mancini.

The said Lord Cardinal intreateth my Lord Cardinal Mancini, to take the Administration of the goods at Rome, and because they consist mostly in his Palace, and a number of Cffices 36. The Testament of 3

Offices & places and the publick flock, which may be put into money, he requesteth the said Cardinal is the thinks sit, to convert into the Purchase of some Land in the Ecclesiastical Stae, which shall carry the name of the Substitution.

The faid Cardinal Maneini in case of Death, may appoint another to the said Administration, who nevertheless shall not sell not engage any of the things above named. And if the Sieur Maneini be more then sive and twenty years old at the death of the Lord Cardinal, he may name an Administrator, but not dispose of the said Goods which shall remain substituted as already said.

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Further the Gid Lord Gurdi nal gives and bequeathes to the faid Marquels Mancini the Tapiftry of the Acts of the Apoltles made in Buris, with the rich Furniture of green Velvet to be fent to Rome to Cardinal Mancini, which shall be part of the faid substitution.

In lieu whereof, the faid Marquess Mancini shall renounce the Rights which he may pretend to the fuccession of the faid Lord Cardinal Mazagimi and if he fail to do fo, he that absolutely forfeit all his said Lagacies, which thall seturn to the Legaree General on which The faid Lord Gardinal gr

veth and bequeatheth to the

eldest Son of my Lord Duke de Mercoeur and de Ferie his Spouse the Demesne of the Dutchy of Anvergne, the Demesne of Languedock, the third part of the Subsidy of the Election of Mortaigne, and the sum of three hundred thousand liures in money, which shall be employed towards the payment of the debts of the House of Vendosme.

As to the second Son of the faid Duke de Mercoeur, the said Lord Cardinal prayeth him to be content with that which he hath procured him from his Majesty, on condition also that both of them renounce their Succession to his Eminence, and all

all those Rights which they may pretend to by reason of these said Legacies, which in default of renunciation, shall be forseited and returned to the Legatee general, even although the eldest shall make the said renunciation, if so be it be not done joyntly by the youngest.

The faid Lord, &c. giveth and bequeatheth unto Madam the Counters of Soissons, besides the sum of three hundred thousand liures in money, the Subsidy or Imposition on the Election of Verneuil, and the sum of two hundred and sifty thousand liures, payed by his Eminence to Madam the Princesse Palatine for the purchase of the Office

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ready money enough to difcharge all those Legacies above mentioned, the said Lord Cardinal Willeth that it shall be equally divided among the Legatees, penny for penny upon the liure, excepting the Legacy of Dame Mary and Mary Anne Mancini, who shall be paid in full, and which Legacies shall remain substituted to the Heirs of Dame Mary, and Mary Anne Mancini. 10 200 100111111

The faid Lord Cardinal having alwayes had a most particular affection for learned men, continues to them during their life the Pensions he was accustomed to pay them, according to a catalogue or Memoyr which shall Cardinal Mazarine.

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shall be given in by Sr. Colbert. The rest of all his faid moveable Goods, Debts, Obligations, Rents, and other Effects whatfoever, in Lands of Inheritagce or Custome, the faid Lord Cardinal giveth and bequeatheth to my Lord Charles Armand now Duke Maxarini, and the Lady Hortenfe his spoule, whom with his own mouth he appoints to be his Heires and Legarees General; they to defray his Funeral charges, and to accomplish his prefent Testament, declaring that he intends not to comprise within this general Legacy his Palace, his other Jewels, Rings, moveable and immoveable Goods,

The Testament of Goods, Painting, Pictures, Vef- as fels of Silver, with his Statues fu and Figures of Marble or Brass e being within his Palace and his - appartement in the Loruve and hin France; nor his Governments, which he bath not disposed of, referring to himself the disposition by codicil, or otherwise as thall seem good unto him, on charge of the faid Goods with a gradual, perpetual and everlafting Substitution, and nevertheless, all that which shall come and provene of this Legacy General shall be in the nature of Rropriety to the faid Lady Dutcheffe Mazurini, the Gid Lord Cardinal barring in both the faid Substitutions, as well in France Goods as

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As to his Dispatches, Letters, Missives, Negotiations, Treaties and other Papers concerning the State, and DomeRique affairs, in what place foever they are, nothing being more dear or precious to him; he humbly prayes his Majesty that they may be put into the hands of the Sieur Colbert, without making any Inventory, and that the faid Colbert dispose them in order, and if there be any difficulty, he may demand the clearing of it

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The faid Lord Cardinal not being able to give sufficient Tefimony of the fidelity of Mr. Colbert which he hath experienced for more then twelve years last past, doth approve all that hath been done by him to this present, and willeth that it be believed upon his bare word.

The faid Lord Cardinal willeth and intendeth (having been bindred by great Affairs from examining the Accompts of the

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Sieur Picen forniome years as he was accustomed to do) that the said Accompts which shall be given of his house, be examined by the Sieur Golbert, and signed and sirmed by him alone.

The faid Lord Cardinal most exprelly forborbiddeth any Inventory or Description to be made of his moveable Goods or Effects, or of any Titles or Papers, and if the Legatees whether particular or general (hall offer to demand them, His Will is, that they forfeit their Legacy; all which shall be yested in the person of the first Substitute, without that that any disposition thereof may be declared penal or comminatory

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Furthermore the faid Lord Cardinal entreatoth his Majesty in case of contravention, to interpose his Authority, that his Will may be followed, and that the faid Accompts and Papers may not be feen , nor Inventory, nor description made thereof, it being necessary to keep them fecret for the interest of the State and many Families as well within as without the Realm. He prayeth also the Messieuts of the Parliament and other Judges to forbear here, not doubting but that they will prefer the Interests of State to that of particular mens. 340:32

The faid Lord Cardinal giveth and bequeatheth to Don

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Louis de Haro a rare piece of Titian representing Flora, by reason of the friendship which they have Contracted in the Treaty of Peace.

to my Lord the Count of Fuenfaldigue a great Watch in a

Gold Cafe.

And for the execution of the present Will and Testament, the said Lord Cardinal nameth my Lord the first President of Parliament my Lord Fouquet Counsellour of the King in all his Counsels, Procurator General of the Parliament, and Intendant of the Finances; My Lord to Tellier Counsellour of the King in all his Counsels, Secretary

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cretary of State; My Lord the Bishop of Freins, and Monsieur Colbert Counsellour of the King in his Counsels, and Intendant of the Houses & Finances of his Eminence, whom he intreateth not to fuffer any Inventory to be made of his moveables, or papers, nothing being more necesfary to be kept then fecrecy; and to acknowledge in forne manner the pains which they shall take in the Execution of his present Testament; He gives and bequeathes the fum of forty thousand liures in money, or in goods at their choice to be equally divided among them. The faid Lord Cardinal willeth and ordaineth that if death

death, or any other confiderable hinderance shall happen to any of them, the Survivors shall name such others as they shall chuse, to supply the places of the deceased, willing that the number be compleat.

He giveth and bequeatheth to each of his three Secretaries a Diamant of four thousand livres, beseeching his Majesty to protect them, and to continue

them their Assignments.

He giveth and bequeatheth to the building the Parish Church of St. Enjtache the sum of six thousand liures.

He gives and bequeathes to the St. Chappel of Bois de Vincennes the sum of ten thousand

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liures on condition they cause to be said and celebrated every year on the day of the decease of his Eminence, an Anniversarie for the Repose and weal of his Soul.

My Lord the Cardinal declares, that whereas he had left all his goods to the King by his Will of the third of the prefent moneth, and that his Intention was alwayes fuch, that his Majesty should dispose of them as he pleased, and that now the King was pleafed to testifie to him that his Majesty desired he should dispose of his own goods 5 He had therefore caufed this present Will to be made which was so said, and named

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one word after another to the abovefaid Notaries by his Eminence, and read and repeated to him by one of them, the other being present, in the Chamber of his Eminence before declared, one thousand six hundred sixty and one, the sixth day of March, and signed by his Eminence.

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CODICILL ANNEXED.

O day the fixth day of March one thousand fix hundred and fixty one, afternoon, at the commandement of the most Illustrious and most Eminent the Lord Cardinal Duke Mazarini the Notaryes Inventory Keepers, &c. as before found the faid Lord Cardinal a bed fick in Body, but of found mind and understanding, as it appeared to them, who having caused the Will and Te**frament**

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stament by him made to be

shewed him again, and adding

thereunto,

Gives and bequeathes the fum offeventy thouland liures which he wills to be distributed to his Officers, according to their Rank and Seniority of their fervices by the Executors of his Will, without any of their complaining against that which shall be given them by the faid Executors, on pain of forfeiture of each (their) part, which in this Case shall be distributed among other the faid Officers within the faid 70000. livres, belides the fums bequeathed by him to the Sieurs de Fontenelle, Bernouin and Prouti, who may not pre56 The Testament of tend to the said sum of seventy thousand liures.

He gives and bequeathes to Madam de Revel Governess of the Ladies Mancini his Neices the sum of thirty thousand liures as a reward for those paines she hath taken with them.

He gives and bequeathes to the Sieur de Ganmond Advocate to the Parliament, besides his other Assignments, the sum of twelve thousand livres.

He gives and bequeathes to Monsieur Colbert Intendant of the houses and Finances of his Eminence, the house where at present he dwells, adjoyning to the Palace of his Eminence.

As concerning the Palace of his

his Eminence, Appurtenances, and Dependencies, Statues and Figures therein, being others then those before specified, he gives and bequeathes them by Moity to the faid Lord Duke Mazarini and Marquess Mancini, to be equally divided between them; the faid Lord Cardinal willing that the Choyce of the Lors shall be given to my Lord Duke Mazarini: And the faid Lord Cardinal Dake having referved to himself by his Will, his Moveables, Jewels; Rings and other things, befides those which he hath dispofed, wills, meaneth, and ordaineth that they be prized at the rate and fum of three hundred and

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and fixty thousand liures, which shall thus be distributed, viz. Six score thousand liures which be gives to the faid Lord Mazarini Mancini of which fum, one half shall go to the Substitution, the other shall be the proper money of the faid Seigneur Mancini: and the fum of forty thousand liures to every of the other his said Heires, on promise and condition that all and every of them do quit those claims they may have to the Succession of my faid Lord Cardinal, which claimes they thall renounce in favour of my -faid Lord and Lady the Duke and Dutchess Mazarini; who may also dispose of that part which

Cardinal Mazarine. which shall fall to them of the faid Palace and Appurtenances: but as to the Statues & Figures they shall remain in Substitution as likewise shall the sum of fix hundred thousand liures. which shall be taken upon the Estimate that shall be made of the Rings, Jewels, &c. which shall be divided; the which sum offix hundred thousand liures. shall be in the nature of a Provenue for the faid Lady Dutchesse Mazarini.

The faid Lord Cardinal more expressely prohibiteth any Inventory to be made of his goods and papers upon the Penalties imposed by his last Testament.

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Giveth and bequeatheth unto Cardinal Sachetti the Tape-

stry hangings of D'esnee.

The said Lord Cardinal giveth unto my Lord Cardinal Albis the Hangings of Tapestry of Verduire of Erussels, hanging at present in the Appartiment of his Eminence at the Louvre.

He gives and bequeathes unto Sr, Lezio Disnio a Diamant Ring worth eight thousand liures.

To Sr Paul Manarani a Carkanet of Diamants of one thoufand Crowns.

Further, my Lord Cardinal having reason to gratifie the services of the Seiur Lepidio Benedicti,

nedicti, he prayeth his Majesty to be pleased to continue to him the Pension which he gives him at present.

This was done, said, and named to the Notaries, and by one of them, the other present read and repeated in the Chamber, the f.id day and year

above faid.

To day the fixth of Mach 1661, the King being at Vincennes, caused the last Will and Codicilof the Lord Cardinal to be shewed unto him; and having approved thereof, His Majesty renounced and quitted all that was done to his advantage by the faid Cardinal the third of this Moneth, and willeth

leth and intendeth that the faid Will & Cod cil shall take their plain and sull effect, and that they be executed from point to point according to their Form and Tenour, His Majesty commanding for a testimony of his Will to dispatch this present Breviate, which he would sign with his own hand, and to be countersigned by me his Secretary of State and of his Commands and Finances.

To Day the seventh of March 1661, at the Commandment of the most Illustrious and Eminent my Lord Cardinal Duke Mazarini the Notaries ut supra, eather to the Castle of Vincennes in a Chamber there, where they found

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found the faid Lord Cardinal a bed fick in body, but found, &c. who faid that he thanked God for the prolongation of his Difeafe,& for that by lengthering his days, he had given him more means to confider of his Salvation, hoping of the Divinegoodness the remission of his fins, and that God would shew mercy to him; and that if he should defire any other further length of life, it should be only to employ if in those reflections which he ought to have upon those Favours he hath received of God and the King, and to facrifice it wholly in the acknowledgement of to many benefits of which he judgeth himselfaltogether unworthy.

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The faid Lord Cardinal approveth & confirmeth his Will and Codicil heretofore made, reiterating his Donations and Bequeaftes made by him, and adding thereunto, most humbly beseecheth his Majesty to accept of two fair Cabinets.

He also humbly supplicates the Queen Mother to accept of a large Diamond of the Rose of England a large Diamond Brute weighing 14 Caracts, a Ruby Ring Caluchon perfect, a great Cabinets of the Peace and of the War, one Cabinet of Peace & war which came from Rome, thanking her for her Favours, and requesting her to vouchsafe her protection to his Nephewes and Neices.

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He gives and bequeathes to Monsieur the Duke of Orleans the only Brother of the King, fixty Marks of Gold, thirty and one Emeraulds, of which many are great, one of the fair Cabinets of Jasper brought from Rome, and the Tapestry Hangings of Leander, beseeching him to accept this small acknowledgement, and to accord his Protection to those of his House.

He giveth and bequeatheth unto my Lord the Cardinal of Colonne a great Watch of Gold which came from the Queen Mother Deceased, and is at present upon the Table of his Eminence.

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He giveth and bequeatheth unto Monsieur the Marshal of Grammont the sum of 100000 liures which he owes him by Obligation, and which he willeth to be rendred to him as paid and acquitted.

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He gives and bequeathes unto my Lord the first President a Bason with its Ewer, Vermillian and Gold made at Angsburg, or as much in value as he hath given him as Executor of his

Testament.

He giveth and bequeathes unto Monsieur the Archbishop of Armuzi a great Watch in a Case of Gold.

My Lord the Cardinal refers himself to his Heirs and Legatees tees to give presents to his principal friends.

He gives to Monsieur de Massat Advocate in Parliament a Diamond of fifteen hundred liures.

He gives and bequeathes to Sr. Poisson his Apothecary four thousand liures.

To the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul at Rome, a Lamp of three thousand Crowns.

He gives another Lamp of the same price to the miraculous Crucifix of St. Briget at Rome.

He giveth and bequeatheth to the Church of St. Roch in St. Honory's street a Chalice of the sum of eighteen thousand liures.

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He willeth and ordaineth that after the sharing of the Palace of his Eminence, together with the Statues and Figures, which shall be therein, and that the Said Lord Duke Mazarini hath chosen the part which best likes him, that then it shall be lawfull to the faid Marquels Maneini to take the fum of three hundred thousand liures for his part of the faid Statues and Figures, which fum in the faid Case the said Lord Mazarini shall be bound to pay him; for which payment all the faid Statues and Figures shall be comprized in the faid Substitution of the Legacy general, without comprizing neverthelesse the Palace

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Palace and Appurtenances, which shall remain in his dis-

polition.

If the said Lord Marquesse Mancini receive the said sum of three hundred thousand liures, my Lord the Cardinal willeth and intendeth that it shall be imployed in the purchase of a House sit to receive him, the which purchase shall not be made without the advice of Monsieur Colbert.

My Lord Cardinal giveth unto Madam the Princess Coloma, besides that which he hath assigned her, as abovesaid, by his Testament, the sum of 15 thousand liures as well for the buying her Horses, Caroach and

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her voyage into Italy.

All which was so spoke and said to the said Notaries, and by one of them the other being present read and repeated Monday the seventh day of March about nine a clock in the morning the same year, 1661.

TO day the seventh day of March 1661. the King being at Vincennes, after the reading to his Majesty by Francis le Foin Notary, &c. of the Testament and Codicils made by my Lord Cardinal Duke Mazarini: His said Majesty divers times renounced and renounceth that made to his advantage

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tage of the third of March instant, and Willeth and Ordaineth that the said Testament and Codicils be executed according to the Form and Tenour: at which faid reading were present my Lord the Prince of Conde; by and at the request of Madam the Princesse of Conti, Monsieur the Duke of Mercoeur, Monsieur the Count of Soissons, the Sieurs, Duke and Dutchesse Mazarini, the Sieurs Premier President Fouquet, the Bishop of Freins and Colbert Executors of the Testament of my Lord the Cardinal, His Majesty commanding me for the the testifying his pleasure to dispatch the present breviat, viat, which he hath figned with his own hand, and caused to be Counterfigned by me his Secretary of State, and of his Commands and Finances.

Signed

Le TELLIER.

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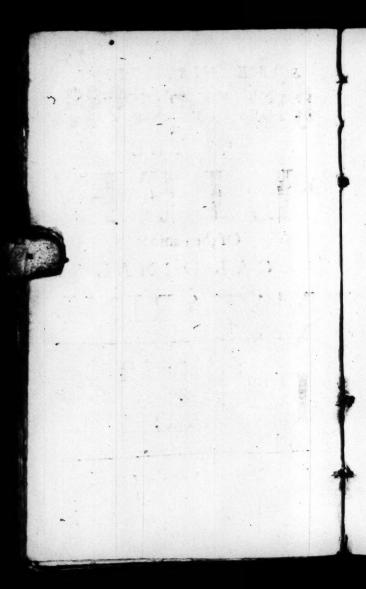
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of the Famous Cardinal

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T might pass for no great misadventure, (in imitation of Philosophers, and those Mathematicians who to describe the Globes and the E 2 Govern-

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Government of the Universe have affigned Termes and -Names to the great and Principal Parts thereof) if in the Elements of Humane Policy which hath ordered and disposed the Affairs of Christendome, in its Modern Administration, we give to its chief Motion the Name of MAZARINI whose Designes and Actions were the Supreme Intelligences the Poles and Hinges by which so many wonderful changes and viciflitudes have been Rolled upon the World.

And he may properly be also called that Altern Luminary which upon the setting of the Glorious Richelieu, arose in

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Cardinal Mizirine. the French Horizon, and with Universal Splendor pierced into the most Recondite and Ab-Itruse Mysteries and Cabals of State, and influenced and Governed their Transactions; Like the Moons Opacous Body his Gleamings and Glitterings and uncertain lights dazled the Eyes of the World, while his dark Intrigues were reserved and concealed in himself.

He was Fate it's felf in a Humane shape, which dispensed Events and favoured or crossed all Counsels and Designes according to his Pleasure; nothing succeeded without his concurring advice and affent, and nothing failed with his auspicious

ous Encouragement. To so near a resemblance herein, that he was able to clue glorious and most wonderful Fffetts through dark Labyrinths of Time and Adversity, and appoint the hour and minute of their Termination.

He was a dark Lanthorn whose Lucidations discovered all before him, and concealed his own Mysterious Practises; the Oracle of State, which no Sword or Wisdome could resolve, He could turn the Edges of the sharpest Steel, and blunt the Points of the acutest Wits, neither Mars nor Mercury could prevail against Him.

In vain therefore it is to think to give any competent

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Character of Him, who surmounted the capacity of the ablest Personages Christendome e're enjoyed, and who may be reckoned for one of the Wonders of the World.

As he may in some fort also be faid to have been a Monarch himself, having governed France absolutely in the Regency and Minority of the Prefent King and Queen Mother in very difficult and perplexed Times, and yet he was but a stranger, and a new commer to that Court and Country in a very private condition, which His Fortune and Merit equalled after to the highest Advancements any Publique Minister everattained. E 4

It's true, he had an Excellent Master and Pattern the afore-said Richlieu, who doubled his Faculties upon him at his death, commending him to the King as he had done before to the Queen, as the only fit and able person to undertake His Affairs. The main Scope whereof was the Ruine of the House of Austria, and the Advancement of the French Greatness upon it, to an Universal Soveraignty.

And it will not be ungrateful I suppose to the Reader to shew the Parallel and Differences between these Eminent Statesmen, (the latter exactly treading in the steps of the For-

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mer, without any ambitious Hope or design of expressing them in their due proportions, but only to serve an ordinary

Curiofity.

Cardinal Ricklien was born at Paris, and fo a Native of that Kingdom, and of Noble Extraction, which rendred him to the observation of the Queen Mother, who took him into her fervice and preferred him to the Bishoprick of Luzon, where at her command he wrote a Book of Con roversies, and Therafter to the King, who procured him a Cardinals Cap from the Pope (Paul the fifth, is reported upon viewring him to have faid, that he would one day prove

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would prove the greatest cheat in the World.) He highly merited his Preferments of the King, by his taking of Rochel, which caused such an obliging confident affection in the King towards him that he left the total direction of Affairs to him. But that Interest in the King was very ungratefully managed against the Queen Mother who raised Him, and all her Party or Dependants, the Queen he forced into a dishonourable and wandring Exile; and to rid himself of Her and the Intrigues against Him, He cut off the Marshall Marillacis head her great Favourite, and ruined all fuch of whom he had

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Cardinal Mazarine. any jealousie. He was beloved by the most zealous Protestants, and hated by the most zealous Catholiques, and never pardoned fuch as had oftended against him. He gained the Dutchy of Lourain by fine poliey, and fudden force intending to ruine the House of Guise, the successors of charlemain, in order to the fame destructive Design upon the House of Austria, designing to have seized also the Law Countries, upon which bottome the War with Spain in 1635. was begun and continued till his death.

He affisted the Duke of Nezers in his succession to the Dutchy

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Dutchy of Mantuna, and made an alliance with the Swedes and the Protestant Princes; and yet notwithstanding ruined

the Hugonites in France.

He was an enemy likewise to the Princes of the Blood, especially the Count of Soissons, who deferted the Kingdome and joyned with the Spaniard; His Party with him published a Manifesto against the Cardinals male administration, yet he continued in the Kings favour and firm assurance thereof, and for attempts and underminings thereof by the perswafions of the King to a peace, he caused Monsieur le Grand and De Thou, two Eminent Noblemen

men to be beheaded at Lions; which last sanguinous Action loosned him from his former fixedness in his Masters breast, whose coldness towards him raised Damps in his own, which with other distempers fomented and fed by this, extinguished his life on the 4th of December 1642.

He was accused of having Embroyled England, to the end that it might be in no condition to hinder his seizing of the Low Countries, and this by most unjust and Maligne practises (though varnished over with its like intermeding in the businesse of Rochel) and of setting all Europe in general

nal by the ears, though he cannot be deprived of the glory and praise of having done the Kingdom of France Superlative services though it were with the huge oppression of the poore people, he lived in great anxiety and fear, having perpetual apprehen siens of the mischiefs he had done.

His death was not overmuch lamented, and fuch as had either feared him, or fled his perfecution returned into France, and by the Kings Grace repoffest themselves of their Charges and Estates. He died wealthy and rich, seized of severall Governments and Offices and Titulado'd with Dignities and Secular

Seeular Honours, leaving a Peerage and Dutchy to his Nephew Duke Ricklein now furviving 5 and was buried with a publique sumptuous Funeral a little before the death of Lewis the 17th which happened in the beginning of the year 1643. after he had declared the Queen, Regent, and recommended Cardinal Mazarini to her, who suffered no Eclipse or Diminntion of Lustre in the clouded close setting of his Patron Richlein.

And we shall now perceive this Apotype and Copy of this great Exemplar Cardinal Mazarini who was (as hath been objected to, and reported of, him.

him frequently) a Sicilian by birth, and so a Native Subject of the King of Spain, but took his Priesthood at Rome as did Richlein, and by his good Fertune conducted to France, into which Court he cunningly infinuated himself, and gained the favour and knowledge of the Cardinal, who employed him in transacting his Affairs at Roms, and as his Envey or Minister for that peculiar Negotiation, while he found it convenient to dispose of him for his better service, and prefer him to the Queen, as her Secretary, by which means he might fasten a fure Intelligencer of whatever should be contrived against Him

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Him, and continue and cherish those good correspondencies between her Majesty and Himself.

And so true and faithful a Servant did he carry himself in that preferment, and so prudently and wisely for himself, that he preserved the entire favour of their Majesties and the Cardinal, without any suspicion of a partial study in things of a nice and dubious adherence.

For as he had by his Birth the disadvantage of Alliance and Interest, so had he the unobserved unbussed and serene way of beneficing and engaging the means to his Grandeur which he saw designed for him by some Remarques of by so Potent and concerned Inductions to the secrets of the Government; so that there was little odds between the Locality of their Extractions but what ambitious Envy against the one, and contemptnous Hatred against the other inessections.

By the aforesaid direction of the King at his decease he now managed the State, and in prosecution of Richleius Design, (Sacrated to him by the Merit of his Advancement) resumed the next Summers Expedition of 1643. with more violent Effects, the tediousness of the former having wearied Lewis the 14th of his life.

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The first fignal Action of his Administration was the reliefe of Rocroy, which Don Francisco de Mello a Portuguese (then Governour after the death of the Cardinal Infanta of the Low Countries under the Spanish obedience) went to befiege with a gallant Army, but having declared the Duke of Albuquerque (a Portuguese likenese) General of the Horse, who was a very young man and raw Souldier, the Officers took fo much offence thereat, that they quarrelled themselves into a discomfiture so that all their Foot were presently worsted and defeated by the Duke of Anguien now Prince of Conde

a person that couldnot, would not be debarred from Military employment, and was suffered to run his venturous fate in this service for otherguesse effects then a braving Experience, which after wards threatned the Fortunes of this Great Cardinal.

This Victory was very great and most opportune to ingratiate His Administration with the people which voyced up likewise his favourite, General or Marshall Gassion a Protestant besides, who after took in Theorville. Of whom further.

This successe was also the more officious to him for that it removed the said Francisco de Mello from the government

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of the low Countries, the Marquels Caftel - Rodrigo being substituted thereto, till the arrival of the Arch-Duke Leopold from Germany, as if Fortune intimated that other Ministers of State were inferiour to his Eminence, and could not consist nor stand with his insuperable Policy and felicity of Government.

His aims were no less upon Germany pursuing the old League with the Swedes, then on Flanders, though with different successe. For the remainders of the Duke of Saxon Weymars Army being recruited and reinforced by the French, marched towards Bavaria, intending to swallow that Dutchy, but here for tune

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faltered, for the Duke of Lorain and John de Wert accompanied by the Baron of Mercy the Bavarian General, fo rudely accosted them, that the French loft 400 Officers and, of them the gallant Marshal Guebriana, and 6000 Souldiers, and with speed were forced to return to the Rhine

These 2 Battles of Rocroy and Dutling within so short a space of 6 Months were almost as signal as any in the swedish or Flandrian War, and made the world suppose to the Cardinals advantage, that he would direct and govern the Armes of France in their own natural way of fudden and sprightly resolution

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lution, and push at a speedy con-

quest and Decision.

The prudent Cardinal knowing how the pleasure of this Victory might transport the Duke of Lorrain, having highly vindicated and revenged himself of the French affronts (to feed the humors thereof, and charm the opportunities of this fuccess) proposed a Treaty with the faid Duke now as more facile to an accomodation, fince he stood upon as æquall if not! higher ground : but the Duke being flur'd before by Cardinal Richlien npon the same account at his last journy to Paris by the like offers would not venture another Flam

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Flam, but fell into the low countries to winter quarters & gave the Cardinal leave to undertake

another Composure.

And that was between the King of England and the members at Westminster by the outward folemn Embassy of Prince Harcourt and as well entertained by them as intended by him; (the Members quarrelling at his Credentials as not amply and in form directed to them, and affronting him by a fearch and feizure of his pa: pers as he was going to Oxford) for he bound himself up to the Dictates and Methods of Cardinal Richlein, which was by any means to continue our divifions;

fions; and the effect of this splendid whither-go-ye manifested no more, when the said Prince Harcourt, departe hence, without so much as one praliminary or word treated of toward an agreement.

And as his averseness to the English Nation was meetly Politique & hardly discovered in him, so had he a natural dislike of and Antipathy to the scot, easily to be observed; varying and counterchanging the Interest of France which this therto had maintained an indistribuble League and Amity with Scotland; whether prompted to it by his Generosity a vertue reducent enough in him which

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abhorred their disloyal practifes, or from a vile contempt of their Condition, and the dictates of Prudence which disobliged any confidence in that Nation, (as they then went in the worlds Repute) is not determinable.

But most certain it is that some grounded radicated pique and quarrel he had against that people, for that the Immortal Marquesse of Montross of Famous Memory was put by his Command of that Kings Guard which had been promised him, meerly by this Cardinal, although he brought with him the greatest Merit that Loyalty, Conduct and Courage did ever lay claim to.

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As little indulgent he was indeed to the admission of any stranger into places of Trust, no not his own Countrymen of Italy, asknowing one was enough and thought by the Princes of the Blood and the Nobility to be too many, serving himself altogether of Frenchmen, except for Forrain Intelligence, for which he had Emissaries and Pensionary's of all Nations.

And now we will return to fome other Passages of his Administration as to the War he maintained yet with the Emperour and King of Spain in the year 1646. when the Duke of Orleans was Generalissimo, (the Cardinal studying to busie the

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Princes of the Blood in Military Actions, out of the Kingdome) and the aforesaid Duke of Anguien his Lieutenant General.

That years greatest Campania fell upon Flanders' where a Decision of the quarrel for those Provinces was refolved upon, by taking the chiefest Towns of Importance in the Heart of the Country, which would give the Spaniard a mortal blow; having prepared for it, by many fuccesles to the Hollanders as well as the felves the year before: for that the Spaniards losse of Graveling and the safe of Gaunt, the two main Frontier Defences both ways, laid the CounCardinal Mazarine. 101 Country open to an intire Conquest.

Courtrack was first taken within twenty miles of Gaunt, but victuals growing scant, by the multitude of fuch an Army, they retreated towards the Seafide to be supplied by the Hollander and took in Berghen St. Wynox by Dunkirk, besieged Mardike suprized from them the Winter before, but lost many gallant brave persons of the French No ility, and some four thousand men before it, and yet could not carry it till Vantrump with his Dutch Fleet blockt them up by Sea.

Dunkirk and Fuernes followed the same Fortune, so that no-

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thing was thought now able to withstand the progress of the French Armies to Animerp, which the Cardinal by earnest expresses and instances defired the Prince of Orange to befiege promifing him 6000 Men to his assistance; bu the Dutch jealous of the French for former Reafons, and suspecting the Cardinals reaches, and not willing to fpoyl the Trade of Amsterdam which must return again to Antwerp, would by no means approve of the defign.

Nevertheless the Prince of Aurange (Marshal Gassian and Rantzaw having driven back Piccolomini the Emperours General and secured the passage

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by the Channel between Gaunt and Brnges) came with his Army and complemented the Duke of Orleans with a visit, and returned with booty and plunder into the Land of Wasse and there took in Hulst in October the last admirable felicity of

that great Captain.

So successful were the endeavours of this great Cardinal, that no doubt was made of reducing the Countries which France pretended to have been wrested from her some ages before, and so accomplish a total Soveraignty over all Belgia in process of time; when the Prince of Aurange the great wheel of the Holland War, by

104 Some Remarques of the infinuations and perswafions of the right honourable George Lord Goring Earl of Norwich deceased, was at last induced to hearken to an accommodation, which having been laboured at Munster by Deputies of all the concerned Princes and the Arbitrators, was in 1648. by that Princes single Condescention (such a command had his Fortune upon Christendome) concluded and ratified on January the 8th and the French left to stand upon their own legs (after many instances made to the Contrary by Monsieur de Servient the French Ambassadour at the Hague to no purpose) the swedes and cili

and Hollanders returning to their repose after a most tedious War which the Ambitious Cardinal preferred before a most just honourable and necessary Peace for the impoverished

Subjects of France.

Notwithstanding he obtained by this Munster Treaty from the Emperour in satisfaction of his charge and expence in the Swedish War, the strong Town of Brisack and most part of Alsatia, bordering upon Lorain, no small addittament of Territory, besides the security thereby of his acquests in Lorain; and his rights in the 3 Bishopricks of Metz, Thouland Verdun.

Maintaining and keeping al-F 5 fo fo Portolongone and Piombino in Italy taken by his Arms under the Conduct of Prince Thomaso, as also his Conquests in Catalonia, where the War was continued with various success under the several Commands of Marshal de Motte, The Prince de Harcourt, de Conde, and Marshal de Schomberg, to the continuance of the Catalonians in their revolt.

He retained likewise what he gained in Flanders, with a resolution to improve the French Flower de Lyzes in that Country, where they had formerly flonrished, looking with an evil eye upon the Dutch for abandoning their League, and evil

evi'-intreating of their Subjects in their Trade and Navigation, which showed how much he was displeased with this peace, which he foresee would breed ill humors in the State, and some envious designes against his Person and Authority therein.

The said year 1648. on the 29th of August he was fortunated with another Victory at Lens in Artoys against the Arch-Duke Leopold gained by the valour but allayed by the death of the gallant Marshal Galsion, slain with a bullet (as most men thought) treaches roully by some great person near him, who shall be nameless.

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This noble Captain was a Confident of the Cardinals, and proved a greater losse to him then was at present imagined, but his sagacity and prudence scasonably provided himself.

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Hitherto the Cardinal had carried all things evenly without any intestine Commotions or open disturbances, & to his great Reputation and Honour: but the influence of the late general peace which stilled and dulled the minds of most men, like a compress heavy vapour broke out into a violent Earthquake at home, and gave the Spaniard leave to respire after a war on both sides of his Provinces for thir-

thirteen years together, but belaid this great Agent of Christendom with very importunate follicitudes.

Some Cabal now on foot against him cherisht by the Princes of the Blood, and managed chiefly by the Prince of Conde, had obliged him by the Queen Regents Order in September 1648. to commit the Messeiurs de Bruffels de Charton and de Blanckmesnel Presidents of the Parliament, whom the people much respected and look't upon as Patriots, to the Bastile of Paris, whereupon they began to cry Alarum and ran in Herds down

110 Some Remarques of down to the Palace Royal (in the nature and to the Event of our unhappy Tumults in 1640) requiring the Liberty of the faid Gentlemen: the Shopswere flut up, the Chains made fast, and all the approaches barricado'd, so that Paris seemed to be in more diforder now, and the danger greater then that which happened in the Reign of Henry the 2d nor did the uproar cease till the Queen was constrained to release them. And so the discontent was for a while husht up, being a forerunner to greater mischiefs, and a feeming calm cast upon the furface of the Kingdom, while

it violently laboured for a free Vent through the turbulent blood of the Princes.

Which happened on the 28 of December in their Christmas time 1649. when in the Evening the Queen, the King and Duke of Anjou with the Cardinal departed from Paris; which secret Retreat gave the Parisians another Alarum, for imagining that the Queen would revenge her self of the former commotion, they took up Arms again with as much Heat as they had done before, and raised their respective Militia's and Forces under the Command of the Dukes de Elbeuf, Beaufort, Bouillon and the Marshal de la

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ing the Prince of Conty.

The Queen Regent and King raised Forces also, there slocking to him many from all parts to reduce the Parisians to reason, he had alread seized upon the Approaches, and some hot Skirmithes were made in one, whereof the Duke of Rohan was slain, he pretended to be the Son and Heir of that most Famous Souldier and Scholar the Duke of Rohan the Head of the Protestant League.

By this means the King possible fessed himself of St. Dennis; Meredon, Corbett, and Lagny near the City, who fearing the due punishment of their disloy-

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alty, and the revenges of the Cardinal and animated by their Leaders, & the Nobility, invited the Archduke Leopold to their afficience, declaring their intolerable burdens under the prefures of a tedious War, and the oppressions of the said Cardinal.

Upon this invitation the Archduke advanced, and to facilitate his Design caressed the Country as he passed, suffering not the least spoil to be committed upon their Goods or Cattel, but by the advice of the Duke of Lorain, he prudently retired and prevented the stops of his return, remembring that of Curtius,

Curtius, Gratiarum actiones apud hostes supervacaneas esse — aut prorsus nullas, That the thanks of an Enemy are altogether vain and unprofitable, or not to be expected or relyed on.

For the wife Cardinal to divert this florm which would shiver Him if he met and withstood it singly, vailed the Kings and Queens Authority to this Exigence, Counselling the Queen to conclude with the Princes without any delay; which advice was suddenly executed, and thereby the Arch-Duke having lost 2000. Horse for want of forrage and by the celerity of his expedition, was yet

fain to make more hast out of the Kingdome then he did into it, although he had saved Paris from a very forward Ruine.

By this Agreement the Citizens of Paris were pardoned and restored to all their Priviledges and Franchises and the Army of the King and his mutineers dispacht under the Prince de Harcourt to make an in-road into Flanders, who coming before Cambray were content to dislodge at the approach of the Arch Duke, whose Leivtenant General the Marquess s'fondrate took in Tpres after a gallant defence made by the French, while Harcourt took Conde and laid wast the Conntry

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Country of Henault and part of Erabant to the fright of the Ci-

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This was one of the finest extricating fineries he manifested in so sudden Schazardous an emergence which else would have sunk him immediatly, and the Kingdome together; no small advantage of this occurrence that it complicated the Monarchy of France with his particular Fate, and showed that its glory and safety were redevable to his single Concern.

The Cardinal well knew where those Arrows were forged, and therefore having so triumphantly and nimbly surmounted this shock & encoun-

ter, he used the like diligence to be before hand with his Enemies for the future, and hereupon the Princes of Conde and Centi, next Princes of the bloud Royal after the Duke of Orleans together with the Duke of Longueville their brother in law and the Duke of Beaufort, were upon a sudden made prisoners in the Castle of Vincennes, with leveral of their servants secured and removed from them; this happened in 1650.

The Princesse of Conde retired her self to Eourdeaux (where the Duke of Bouillon & many Lords came to her) who for the hatred they bore the Cardinal and the Duke of Espernon, who

who stuck fast to the King, were welcomed by her and the Town, as well as the Viscount Marshal Turenne upon the same account at Erussels.

The Dutchesse of Longueville got aboard in a Vessel which lay off before the Haven of Deip, and thence passed to Holland, and so to Luxenburgh to communicate intelligence and make a streight Allyance with the Arch Duke.

This was a potent Combination, wherein most of the great men of the Kingdome, with the generality of the people were engaged against the Cardinal and which would have ruined the greatest Minister Europe ever had had, were it not that his wisdom and policy were paramount and above the reach of Fortune, which had little to do with his Felicities.

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er d First therefore the King published a Manifest concerning the detention of the Princes, to give Satisfaction to the world of the justice and necessity thereof, the cheif points of which declaration were the Prince of Conde's too great power and exorbitant Ambition, that had proceeded so far as to invade the royalPrerogative.

In answer to this the Marshal of Turenne being in Stenay (and having agreed with the Arch-Duke for the manage of the

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war) beat his drums and lifted forces, declaring with the faid Arch Duke, that neither Party would key down their Arms till the Princes were released, the Duke of Lorain restored to his Estate, the Cardinal banished, & a firm peace concluded between both Crowns; but the Cardinals Dexterity and diligence bafled all these designments. and turned their Resolutions into prayers and intreaties for most of the same things at his own hands.

The Parliament of Bonnete aux also renewed the Order and Arrest given against the Marquess de Ancre the Favourite of the former Queen Mo-

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ther, whereby it was declared that no Stranger (by reason of his Enormous Administration) should ever have thereafter the great Ministry and Intendency of the Kingdom.

The Marshal Turenne with the Arch-Duke attaqued Guise and notwithstanding terms and propositions of Peace publique and private, resolved to prosecute the war, while the King seizeth upon the Princes Governments and places of strength in Normandy, and finally by the Artifices of the Cardinal and the power of the Duke of Espernon, possessed the Gos

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of Bourdeaux, which dangeroully threatned his Crown, where he entred with triumph and with the same returned to

his City of Paris.

And now the fecond time had he quieted and laid the envious Rage of his Enemies against Him, when the Duke of Orleans the Kings brother undertook the Princes Intercesfion and Vindication, which he procured to be decreed by the Parliament of Paris, who in a body came and presented t heir Arrest in favour of the said Princes, to the Queen; which Authoritative Reverlement of those proceedings and severe restraint h

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restraint the Princes had suffered, with universal outcryes against the Cardinal as the Authour and Contriver of those injuries and other mischiefs to the Publique, by his continuance of the War and oppression of the people, now at last forced this able Pilot to abandon the Steerage of the State, and to consult for his security, which the liberty of the Princes danger-ously threatned.

The Princes were set at liberty by Marshal Gramment who was Commanded to see it done, and made their entrance into Paris the sixth of February G 2 when when the streets rung again with the noise of Live the King, Live the Princes, no Mazarine; every one accusing him of Exhaustring the Revenue, &c. and of the mischiess which embroised the State, but he had plaid his Cards so, that they ceased not with his departure.

Nevertheless to Honest his Retreat and take off the dishonour of it, he got the King and Queen to give him their Conge or leave for this his retinement, giving his Enemies full swinge to act their Exorbitancies, without any Treasure to mitigate that acuteness the people must suffer under those necessities of mis-rule

miserule, while he had where withall to loosen their combination and divide their interests into Atomes, and so make his return infinitely more glorious, then his Exit was diffraceful.

His passage out of France was by Peronne, Sedan and Dinant where he staid some dayes, and thence to Leige or Luyck and so to Bruel to the Elector of Colen who received him according to his quality, he having resuled the like offers of civility from the Spaniards. Yet such was the present hatred of him in France, that even those who shewed him any respect in his way to G 2

this Exile, were informed against as Enemies to the King and their Country, most of the Parliaments of France Decreeing against Him.

And now returned the Marshall of Turenne, the Count of
Grand Pre and the Dutchess of
Longueville, being welcomed
with their Troops, while the
Cardinal secretly listed men in
Luyckland for the Kings Service, which now went very
backward in Flanders, for the
Marquess Sfondrate re-took
Fuernes and Wynoxberg; and
the Impositions and clamours
of the people were as great as
ever.

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To raise these discontents to another Sedition and Rebelling on, the Prince of Conde gave out a Rumour of another Defign to feize him and his Brother, and foall things were put in the same hazard as before at the Cardinals departure, for though the Queen protested there was no fuch Defign by an Express fent after him, which brought him back to Paris upon condition that Monsieur Servient and le Tellier should be discarded, as being the Cardinals Creatures; yet he returned to the same suspicious humour and hasted to St. Maur and thence to Burdeaux, which again

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received and readily declared for Him.

The King to prevent his cLavies and increase there (having been newly declared Major the 27th of August 1651 by the Chancellour of France in Parliament as being fourteen years of age) followed after him to Pordiers, and seeing no remedy but in the prudent Counsels of the Cardinal, against this ambitious diffatisfaction of the Princes, fent for Him to come to them thither, which herew beyed: and the Prince of Conde dealt with the Archduke in like tranner; Mezarin being now declared Traytor, his Goods

to be Confiscate, his fine Library sold, and fifteen thousand pound Sterling offered to any body should bring him either alive or dead: and at the same time the Duke of Nemours with Spanish Forces entred Picardy.

This Restitution of the Cardinal, was then one of the wonderfullest Changes and Affairs of Christendome, though it were but an ordinary Effect of his prudence which plainly foresee this glorious Event of his secess and departure.

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not chuse but misse her supporter, and unaccustomed to new Props, was in danger of an irrecoverable fall. Yet when he had Sampsons opportunity of pulling the stately Frame of Government upon the Head of his Enemies, who triumphed at his disgrace, the kindnesse of his Revenge rather strengthened the Fabrick and raised it higher.

Necessity that injures and insolently crosseth other men, officiously served His Fortune, France could not be safe without Him, the Engine of the Government was discomposed and in pieces, and none but his skilful

skilful Hand could fet it right and in order, which he did fuddenly and invisibly by securing the Kings Interest and Soveraignty, & dividing and perplexing the Princes, particularly by moderating and in some sort neutralizing the Duke of or leans.

The main Intrigue whereof was the gayning the Marshall Turenne over to the Kings Party, who had constantly followed the Fortune of Conde, and appeared the Cardinals most avowed and formidable Enemy; but nothing it seems was insuperable or unfeasible to Him, who could reconcile Con-

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Contraries, and out-doe Nature, with the Elixir of his Brain.

So that the Princes were constrained to invite the Archduke and Duke of Lorain to the other Expedition for Paris, which threatned the ruine of one of the Parties; but such was the favour of Fate towards this her great Instrument and Agent that she opportunely interposed the Authority and Mediation of our Soveraign the King of Great Britain then at Phrispo which superfeded the fierce and fanguinous Resolutions of the Princes, and faved the Cardinal the Emergent Hazard of his

Felicity. Which Courtefie 11600 he required, is one of the most Envious Enquiry's and the blackest darkest passage of his whole Administration.

By the faid Intercession the Duke of Lorain, with other fatisfaction, retreated into Flanders, whither not long after perforce followed the Prince of Conde and his Partifans, and the King trimmphantly entred Paris with the acceptable infinuations of his Grace and Pardon, folemnly thereafter published; Nothing was wanting to compleat the new settlement but the Duke of Orlean's (the Kings Uncles) presence at Court, now ababsenting and retiring himself thence, which was one of the difficultest and nicest Punctilio of State the Cardinal ever met with.

Being thus again Culminant and placed in his former Crb, he refumed the War with fresh vigour, and with two Eminent Successes the taking of Stenay whither he carried the King in Person, and the Victory at Arras 1654. restated and recovered the Honour of the Puissance of France.

It will be unnecessary to mention the Chain of Successes which followed them in Flanders, as it will be rudenesse to abrupt and disjoyn It with his League

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League with Cromwel and his Cunning destructive Design of Jamaica which he put into that Usurpers Head, because they press too near upon His Memory, and are every mans observation and publique Discourse.

But most certain it is, he joyed not our late Miraculous Restitution, nor did he foresee it at that Distance which timed and Governed all his other Consultations, for his Politiques were like China Metal prepared and refined by years; though npon the Emergent and sudden Crisis thereof, at the Death of Oliver Cromwel he Complemented Her

Her Majesty the Queen Mo ther, with the undoubted Hopes of Her Families Restauration; the Effect whereof settled such a Melancholy in his, Creature Monsieur Bourdeaux Neufville the French Resident here, that he endured not to survive it

For a fit Conclusion: Nature favouring the fair & goodly Structure of his Glory, and in an obsequious complyance to his Fortune and Prudence, with all other things had so humbly served and obeyed, prolonged his life (whose Lamp in a Sanguine Constitution the great drayner of the spirits, and ventilated

Cardinal Mazarine. lated with so much Ayre of bufineffe was never thought of such a Continuance and Duration) till he had fetled and Established that Kingdom in the greatest and potentest Condition the World ever faw it; and after he had restored to it a most glorious Peace, from a War of twenty feven years standing, and rendred his Prince the most Signal and incomparable Services, having annexed and Established on the Crown by the GENERALL T'REATY in 1659. the Counties of Roussillon, Hayvanlt and Artoys with other advantages and Dependencies.

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He was by Fate intended and deligned for the Troubles and Dangers of France, to the Redresse whereof he was solely Competent, and they being Composed, His work was done, and He dyed when there was no need of His Life; If perhaps he prevented not some afterclaps of that Storm which impends

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knowing his Winning and · Thriving Humour, would play Booty against themselves; and by their Losse make great Advantage; For he that had a great Suit at Court or aymed at any High Preferment, had no readier way to effect his Business then by an Opportunity of playing with the Cardinal, to whom a loffe of a thousand Pistols was worth a Bribe of ten thousand, and engaged him more easily and furely then any friends or other money whatfoever.

So that in Effect He lost by his Gaines, his indifcreet Cardinal Mazarine. 141 creet Avarice being eluded by the tickling Vanity of Conquest, and the pleasing Ambition of a good Hit.

But it seemed to Him a kind of a more Noble Oppression to drayn Gentlemen of all their money (as it also famed his Generolity in recompenfing them with Offices) alike to that he exercised over the Commonalty, without redrefs or mitigation during his whole Administration; by which he heaped such vast sums of Mo ney, computed by his Testament foregoing; and yet there is a report of twenty five thousand milmillions of Liures, which is two Millions and a halfe of pounds Sterling, to be yet concealed by his Heyres and Executors more then was any manner of way disposed of by Him,

And yet nevertheless His Death was not sung with the Dirges of revengeful Ribaldry as was his Predecessors Richlien, though he had more Potent and

impotent Enemies.

At home he was reconciled (to view) with the Prince of Conde, who was willing to entertain his friendship, as he was ikewise respected by the King of Spain, and Don Louis de Haro

Hare: onely the Pope who alwayes took him for the great disturber of Christendom, and the sole Opposer of the general Peace (his own great defign at first) the War giving him op= portunity of railing and preferring his Confidents and pillaging the people, did now upon the Conclusion of it very much more suspect and Malign the Cardinal, first for taking the glory of that Affair to himfelf, and then deligning a worse War upon the Church of which he was sensible some long time before the present Rupture and Turkish Invasion.

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This Nativity being shewed me by that ingenious and fam'd Artist Mr. John Gadhury, and knowing what particular respect is had by great Men to those Schemes of Geniture, I thought it would be acceptable to prefix this; being declaratory of the main Concerns of this the Cardinals life Secundam Artem.



States-man was published by a Pretender to Altrologie in England, some many years since, but fally: for the Scheme thereof is no less then the Degrees in the Medium Coeli, and seven in the Ascendent, distant from the Truth; as by this Correction following appears,

year of this Persons Age, he began to be greatly noted, and to live in Favour of the greatest Persons in the place he inhabited: he had the Medium Calinad Trine Venus; a sit Direction was a Foundation for future Honour. H (2.)

In the year one thousand fix handred and forty he began wrise into great Favour at the wench Court, and this in the moneth of November: The Medium Cali had but lately passed the Sextile of Jupiter by Direction, and Jupiter in that moneth upon the Ascendent at Birth, and Venus upon the place of Direction; both very eminent Transits.

(3.) In the year one thousand fix hundred forty and three, and forty one of his Age, he had the Ascendent directed ad Trine Sol, & Sextile Luna: at which time the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, and Commonalty

nalty, so cryed him up, that he began to be, and indeed was, in greater request then the King; for the King was then but a Childe of five years old.

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years of his Age, he was devested of his Honor and Greatness for a time; and by the means of an enraged Nobility, &c. was banished, He had then the Sun ad Conjunction Mars, & Luna ad Quartile Mars by Direction; which should also have given him a very violent Fever: but I cannot inform my self thereof.

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Lastly, In the year 1660. in the Moneth Febr. he dyed: some say of a deep Melancholy, others of a Fever; the last is not without Reason, nor yet the first in a sense; therefore I believe he participated of both. The Ascendent was directed ad Opposition, Mars, and Saturn upon the Opposition of the Moons Radical place.

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